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REMARKS

No claims have been amended, cancelled, or added by way of this response. Thus, claims 12-23 are pending and presented for examination. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims in view of the following remarks.

Response To Rejections Under Section 102:

Claims 12-23 stand rejected under 35.U.S.C Section 102(e), the Examiner contending that these claims are anticipated by Palin et al. (US2004/0266347).


Applicant respectfully submits herewith a declaration of prior inventorship under 37 C.F.R. 1.131 to antedate and overcome the Palin reference. In view of the 37 C.F.R. 1.131 declaration, reconsideration and withdrawal of the Section 102 rejection is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

For the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that the rejections set forth in the outstanding Office Action are inapplicable to the present claims. Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this paper. The commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees due in connection with this paper to Deposit Account No. 19-2179.

Respectfully submitted,

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